MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know whether Government are taking into consideration the necessity of putting up a regular foot-bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It does not seem that there is necessity for a regular foot-bridge untill the road is complete.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): Am I to take it from the member that the road is not yet complete?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I understand it is not fit for cart traffic.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): Is it due to want of this bridge?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I understand the road itself is unfit for cart traffic.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know from the member when it will be fit for cart traffic?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): When it is completed.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKAR (*Shertala II*): May I know from the member whether the Government will be pleased to make it fit for vehicular traffic in the near future?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I cannot promise.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Chief Engineer inwhich year the work on the Shertala-Arookutty road was first started?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I have not got the information here.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Were allotments provided for this work from year to year?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): The answer states that.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): May I know from the Chief Engineer what the width of that road is?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I do not know.

Text-books for schools.

106. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the proceedure followed in prescribing the text-books for use in schools during the current school year; and

(*b*) the body or officer or officers on whose advice the Government prescribed the text-books?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) The Government abolished the Text-Book Committee from the 3rd December 1932, and pending other arrangements, they made the Director of Public Instruction responsible for the selection of text-books for use in schools during the current school year. He entrusted

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the Inspectors of English and Vernacular Schools with the work of preparing the lists of text-books for use in English and Vernacular Schools, respectively, giving them specific directions for the purpose. The lists, as finally approved and submitted by him, were passed by Government.

(*b*) The Director of Public Instruction in the case of books in the English language, and the Inspectors of English and Vernacular Schools in the case of other books, except those in the Arabic language. Arabic books were prescribed on the advice of the Mahomedan Inspector of Schools.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Sir, May I know on whose advice Tamil books were prescribed in the first place for Vernacular Schools and secondly for English Schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): On the advice of the Inspector of English Schools for English Schools and on the advice of the Inspector of Vernacular Schools for Vernacular Schools.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Does the Inspector of Vernacular Schools know the Tamil alphabet?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): He may have consulted people who know the language.

MR. A THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Sir, is an officer allowed to consult anybody he pleases? Is that the way in which the Government business is carried on?

PRESIDENT: That is not a proper question.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*); I wish to know whether a subordinate officer like the Inspector of Vernacular Schools is allowed to consult anybody he likes in a matter like this.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Am I expected to answer that question?

PRESIDENT: It is alright: yes.

MR. C. V. CHANDARASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Inspector of Vernacular Schools usually consults his confidential advisers on matters on which he is not competent to judge and the Inspector of English Schools consults his confidential advisers on matters on which he is not competent to judge.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know who the confidential advisers of the Inspector of Vernacular Schools are?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The Assistant Inspectors of Vernacular Schools.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know Sir, whether Government hold that Assistant Inspectors are competent to prescribe text-books for the Vernacular Schools, for instance, for the higher examination?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I did not say that they were the authorities for prescribing.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I wish to know whether they are equipped with the requisite knowledge of the language and literature concerned so that they may be able to suggest the books to be taught in these classes.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The member asked me about the Tamil books. I answered that there are Assistant Inspectors who know enough Tamil and who are competent to advise in this matter. I did not refer to Malayalam. For Tamil books the Inspector of Vernacular Schools would have consulted those Assistant Inspectors who are working under him and who are considered to possess sufficient knowledge.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): I wish to know on whose advice the Inspector of Vernacular Schools suggested Tamil books.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It does not appear from the answer.

M. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether a large number of books prescribed for use are published by the Vanivilas Publishing firm and whether that firm are the publishers of the books of the Chief Inspector of Vernacular Schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. A THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether a Malayalam wall map of Travancore is prescribed for use under educational appliances?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Does that question arise, Sir, while dealing with text books?

MR A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): Wall maps go together with text books.

PRESIDENT: Do they go together?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Then that question does not arise.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): In regard to Malayalam books prescribed for English Schools, may I know who is the authority to prescribe them?

PRESIDENT: That question was answered at considerable length yesterday.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know who sat in judgment over the Inspector's own books which are found prescribed? That question arose yesterday.

MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad II*): I rise to a point of order. It is not competent for the member to ask a question on a question which arose yesterday.

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PRESIDENT : If it was not answered yesterday, it can be answered today.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know who was the person to sit in judgment over the text-books written by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The fact that those books were written by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools was brought to the notice of Government by the Director. The Director left it to the Government to decide as they liked. There was no Text Book Committee last year and no one judged his books except the Inspector of Vernacular Schools and English Schools for their respective schools. I have already answered that.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : It is found that certain books written by the Inspector of Vernacular Schools were prescribed. I want to know who advised the Inspector to recommend those books.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : No one, Sir. The Director recommended on his own authority.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know the source from which the Director judges the merits of those books ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I claim notice.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Did he rely upon the recommendation of the author of the books who unfortunately happens to be the Inspector of English Schools ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : The fact that the same books were prescribed for English Schools, might have weighed with the Director in making that recommendation.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : Did the Director receive any representation about the defective language contained in certain books prescribed for Vernacular Schools ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I claim notice.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*) : May I know whether it is not expected that the portions prescribed every year should conform to the portions prescribed in the syllabus ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : I submit, Sir, this point does not arise. The member has got a separate question on this.

PRESIDENT : It does not arise.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the Director whether he recommended to the Government all the books proposed by the Inspectors or whether he made any change in those proposals ?

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MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): He did not make any change in the case of Vernacular books.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Inspector of English Schools knows Tamil?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I am unable to say now. I think his Degree is in Malayalam.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): It was replied by the member that in consultation with the Inspector of English Schools the Vernacular Schools Inspector prescribed Tamil books.

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I did not say that.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Both of them were authorised to prescribe books jointly?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, there was no consultation at all.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Was there any consultation between the two Inspectors in prescribing books for the Vernacular Schools?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I do not know whether there was any consultation or not.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapzha I*): May I know on whose advice the Sanskrit text-books were prescribed?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): On the advice of Inspectors.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know, do they know anything of the Sanskrit language?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The answer I gave yesterday for Tamil books equally applies here also.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Does the Director know enough of Sanskrit to appreciate the advice given in matters relating to Sanskrit language?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): There is no point in pursuing this matter, because, it was only a *temporary* arrangement for last year.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): From that, may I take it, that it was a haphazard arrangement?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It is a matter of opinion.

MR. P. K. NARAYAMA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): Thank you, Sir.

Major operations in the General Hosiptal.

107. ***MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state how many major operations were performed in the Trivandrum General Hospital during 1106-1108 and how many proved fatal?

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